

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 14 (the paragraph under the heading “Description of the Prior Art” that spans pages 1 and 2), with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Several systems have been proposed to provide a user with a quote for acceptance of a used article from a user. For example, a recycle support system via a computer network is disclosed in Patent Laid-Open Gazette No. 2002-215771. When the user specifies a used article on a quotation input window and activates a quotation button to gain a quote, a server computer computes a quote of the used article and sends the computed quote to a user computer. Dell PC Trade-Up Service (online service by Dell Computer Corporation [retrieved on Sep. 27, 2002], Internet <URL: [http://www.dell.com/jp/jp/dhs/topics/nnsegtopic\\_kaitori.htm](http://www.dell.com/jp/jp/dhs/topics/nnsegtopic_kaitori.htm)>) gives computer trade-in service subjected to users who intend to purchase new products. When the user enters information regarding the specification of a used computer owned by the user, such as the specifications of the CPU, the memory, and the HDD, on an information input window and gives a quotation request, the server computer provides the user with a trade-in quote of the used computer.